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Dear Henry.

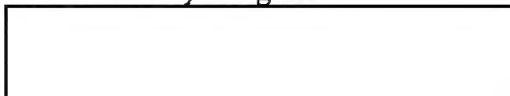
Many thanks for your letter and the Article which you wrote. It was very helpful. I was in Los Angeles briefly to address the V.F.W. but did not have time to get out to see you. I will without fail the next time I am out there. It will probably be in December.

Hope all goes well with you and if you come east, don't fail to call me so we can get together.

With Every good Wish  
As ever

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Mr. Henry Huglin



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July 21, 1975

Lt. General Vernon Walters  
Deputy Director, CIA  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dick,

I have followed your career with great interest since our paths crossed here about six years ago.

For the last three years I have been writing and self-syndicating a weekly newspaper column on national security and international affairs. I now have 10 newspapers that subscribe to the column.

I thought you might be interested in the column I wrote recently on the Agency. Enclosed are copies of the original as sent out to the subscribers and the shortened version as published by the local paper. Also enclosed is a copy of the prospectus for the column which, if you are interested, tells what I am up to.

Incidentally, I think Colby, who I met once at Bob Komer's house in Saigon in September 1968, is doing a terrific job in defending the Agency in most difficult circumstances. And I am sure you are giving him strong support both in his testimony and keeping the work going while he is so preoccupied.

All good wishes to you Dick. I hope our paths cross again some day.

Sincerely,



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# CIA: Perspective needed

By Henry Huglin

The long, sometimes hysterical orgy of CIA-baiting goes on and on. Material that should remain secret is being leaked, and false or wildly exaggerated charges feed the sensationalist bent of some politicians, the media, and the public.

The Rockefeller Commission has presented a balanced, constructive report on the CIA's domestic activities. The actions recommended would help preclude future improprieties and would strengthen the CIA.

Hopefully, the Congressional investigations on the overall intelligence activities of our government at home and abroad will be as balanced and constructive.

The evidence presented by the Rockefeller Commission indicates that what CIA domestic improprieties were committed, though sensationalized, have done little if any real harm to this country — and certainly nothing compared to that being done by the frenzied domestic and foreign attacks on this crucially important agency.

The crescendoing charges — many with little or no basis in

fact — blame the CIA for almost everything disaffected or idealistic people want to rail against at home and abroad.

Certainly, we do need to re-establish a rational perspective on the CIA.

The CIA is a vital part of our government. We need to strengthen, not weaken, it.

We have no chance for continued national security and well being without an effective intelligence agency. Further, rising international crime, narcotics traffic, and terrorism are other strong reasons why we, more than ever, need a highly capable CIA.

**YET, OF COURSE,** the CIA must not conduct illegal activities in the U.S. — which the Rockefeller Commission disclosed had been done in the past, although not extensively. And, we certainly need to strengthen our means of insuring, through executive and congressional oversight, that such activities do not occur in the future.

As far as covert operations abroad are concerned, we ought not preclude the CIA from undertaking them — on a very selective, presidentially directed basis, with congress-

sional oversight.

Covert operations may sometimes be the only effective means of helping friends of our country and democratic elements in a troubled nation threatened by subversion — without sending in our military forces, as we did in Vietnam. Such covert help can be the key element in avoiding a crisis deteriorating into either war or the capture of a nation by totalitarian forces of the right or left.

Why should even assassination, in extreme circumstances, be ruled out? Wouldn't it have been far better for the evil, dangerous Hitler to have been eliminated before his megalomania brought on the terrible destruction and tragedy of World War II?

What can be done about the excessive pillorying of the CIA?

Well, we can let our senators and congressmen and the media know that we think this orgy has gone on far too long — and that, yes, we want our civil rights protected, but without the sacrifice of our society's rights to be protected in a dangerous world, which protection can only be sustained with an effective, well-supported CIA.